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**ROCKWOOD TEACHER NAMED MISSOURI'S DISTINGUISHED
FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATOR**

Kansas City, MO — Rockwood School District's Della Thompson has been named the 2014 Distinguished Foreign Language Educator by the Foreign Language Association of Missouri (FLAM).

Thompson received the award at FLAM's annual fall conference in Kansas City on October 18th. The Distinguished Foreign Language Educator Award is presented each year to an outstanding language educator who has significantly and positively impacted foreign language teaching and learning in the state of Missouri.

Mrs. Thompson is a 22-year veteran of language education. She is a French teacher at Marquette High School in the Rockwood School District. Thompson is also a National Board Certified Teacher and serves as the World Languages Department Chair at Marquette High.

Jeff Tamaroff, World Language and ESOL Facilitator for Rockwood School District says of Thompson, "As excellent as her credentials are as an educator and dedicated professional, Mrs. Thompson's personal qualities are that much better. I have met few people in my life who are kinder or more compassionate than Della Thompson. Her moral character is beyond reproach and in that capacity, she serves as an excellent role-model for fellow teachers and students."

Mrs. Thompson will represent Missouri as Teacher of the Year nominee for the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (CSCTFL), a professional organization representing 16 states throughout the Midwest. The winner will officially be announced at the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Language in Minneapolis, March 12-14, 2015.